



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Foreign-Trade Zones Board  
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Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 221 – Mesa, Arizona  
Notification of Proposed Production Activity  
Apple Inc./GT Advanced Technologies Inc.  
(Components for Consumer Electronics)  
Mesa, Arizona

Apple Inc./GT Advanced Technologies Inc. (Apple/GT) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Mesa, Arizona. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on January 23, 2014.

A separate application for subzone designation at the Apple/GT facility is being processed under Section 400.31 of the Board's regulations (Doc. S-5-2014). Apple/GT requested authority to manufacture intermediate components for consumer electronics for export. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Apple/GT from customs duty payments on the foreign status components listed below used in the export production of sapphire material (duty rate 6.4%). Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include white alumina block, forged metal industrial heat-treating equipment and diamond cutting wire (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 1.3%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is *[insert 40 days from date of publication]*.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

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Dated: January 23, 2014

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Andrew McGilvray  
Executive Secretary